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Election night at the LAMBDA CENTER on March 13th left a board to be desired! AGAIN! Because so few members were present I made it known that all voting was for tentative approval. Here are the results: Changing the name from Sacramento Gender Association to Sacramento TransGender Association - 8 votes in favor 1 vote opposed; Bylaw changes - 7 to 1; adopting Rules of Order - 7 to 1; electing Trina to the Board - 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

One of my plans for the coming year will be to make the fourth Saturday social much more mobile. Look for us to visit places like the Waffle House on Watt Avenue and First Choice on 21st Street. If I can get enough request for midweek socials, I may suggest other places like Red Lobster or Casa Azule for first or fifth week socials (not Saturday). There's an Idea, except for February, all months have two or three days which are fifth week. Pick one!

love trina

VOTE BY MAIL,
NOW!

SOCIAL REVIEW - On February 28th I experienced one of my worst or maybe my best socials. To begin with, thru a mistake on my part, I planned on meeting at Issabela's while Briana was announcing on the web site and the Transcend that we were meeting at Hamburger Mary's. The net result was a very low turnout for the social. Only seven of us showed our faces at Mary's and most of us were an hour late at that. Curious, half of those who did make it were infrequent socialites.

Your absence was felt on March 13th, yes we did have 18 attend but eight were visitors and two of those were presenters. Megan, friend of Nyla, presented "Fun with Hand Care." Everyone had fun! And, oh yes, we had lots of food left over. The theme of the night seemed to be Mexican with four of the six entries being in theme. The fifth was lasagna and the sixth a prawn stir fry.

love trina

FINAL APPROVAL OF BYLAW CHANGES AND RULES OF ORDER will be made this month. Your vote is important. TEXT enclosed.

BYLAW REVISION.

I have taken the reluctance of this association to elect a new Board, as a command to rewrite the Bylaws in such a way as to accommodate this group being led by a Board that is fewer than five members. At this moment, it has **one!** I would have preferred to offer these changes to a full Board and present them to the membership after a full review. Next time you see our Bylaws, all ~~strikeout~~ type will be deleted, and there will be no *italicized type* to indicate new wording. Look the bylaws and the Rules of Order over. Cast your ballot and either mail it to the P.O.Box or present it at the next social.

love trina

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES? For over a year now the TRANSCEND envelop has carried a message. Under your name and preceding your address appears the message "member through 2/04." This indicates that my records show that your dues are due as of March first. Care to debate the matter? Call me at 916 364-7212.

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ASSOCIATION, BLUE ROSE CHAPTER**

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transGender Association or SGA is a non-sexual, membership
based organization serving the educational and recreational
needs of the transgender(TG) community; including: CD, TV,
TS, their spouses, significant others, family, and TG friendly
professionals. Membership is open to everyone regardless of
gender or sexual orientation.

BOARD - TRINA MARTINA

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Lobbyist - J/J

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most positions open

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JOSEPH IS WELL

E-mail to Johanna

Good to see you the night of the
anniversary! Thank you for coming.

I have made arrangements with the owner
of The Waffle House (4641 Watt Avenue, near I80
in front of Gargo Largo and Levitz) for your group
to meet for dinner meetings at their restaurant.
They are NOT open for dinner but accommodate
groups by using the parking (ample and lighted) to
the rear of the building and entering through a
banquet door! Even better for many of the group
who do not wish to be recognized. The room can
accommodate at least 40 of you and she would
have me design the menu, therefore, keeping it
within the price ranges recommended by you and
the majority of the group.

I suggested 6 pm for 'social hour' and 7
pm dinner and then 8-ish pm until 10 PM for
meeting and/or social time....

Virgie (the owner) has NO problem with
the nature of the group and looks forward to being
able to hostess your dinner meetings. There is NO
alcohol available. Coffee, tea, soda, juices abound.

She, and I, await your word! Bring them
from far and near and I'll be there!

Joseph.....

EVENTS

March 27th - Shop till you drop at Fluffy's.
4755 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael. 7 - 9 PM.

March 27th - dinner at Hamburger Mary's
for those who refuse to go to Fluffy's.

April 10th - Pot Luck at the Lambda
Community center. 1927 L Street, 6:30 - 8:58
PM. Come! Hear our plans for the coming year.
It's Easter, let's see that new outfit.

April 24th - Dinner at Isabella's 1119 21st
Street. 7 - 10 PM (pardon me when I leave at 9).

April 17th Mather TS Group at MCC 6:30
PM Join us for a potluck and companionship.
348-7919.

First Sunday of every month: Leatherman's
Benefit Breakfast. 10 AM - 1 PM. \$ 5 all you can
eat. Best time to arrive - just after 11 AM. Faces'.

REGIONAL Event: **CALIFORNIA Dreamin**
2004 April 22-25, 2004 San Jose.

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BY-LAWS Adopted by the Majority Membership on
March 13, 1999 2004 (vote was 7 to 1 17 of 17 in favor)

BY-LAWS OF THE SACRAMENTO TRANSGENDER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Sacramento TransGender Association (hereinafter "SGA") is two-fold: (1) To serve the educational, social, and recreational needs the transgendered (TG) community (see ARTICLE II for the lists), and (2) to undertake educational activities intended to assist the general public in comprehending the transgendered community.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: IN GENERAL

Membership in SGA is open to any person who is 18 years of age or older and who believes he/she is, they are, or may be a member of the TG community, i.e. 1) transgendered, 2) transvestite, 3) cross-dresser, 4) transsexual, or 5) Intersexed (I), or 6) a person whose social role differs in any degree of gender from that considered to be appropriate for an individual of his/her their genetic sex. Membership is also open to (and the TG community also includes) 1) a spouse or significant other of one who is eligible for membership in SGA under the preceding sentence, and 2) one who is 18 years of age or older and who has (a) a personal or professional interest in one or more persons who fall into one or more of the categories established in the preceding sentence, or (b) a personal or professional interest in transgenderism or gender dysphoria.

SECTION B: NON-DISCRIMINATION

The preceding subdivision "A" establishes the sole criteria for membership in SGA. In particular, membership in SGA shall not be denied on the grounds of age (except as to minors described in subdivision "A"), , race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, sex, gender or gender role, or sexual orientation.

SECTION C: ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership year runs from March 1 to February 28/9. The annual membership fee is \$24.00. New members joining after March 31 will *may* pay a pro-rated fee of \$2.00 for each month that remains of the membership year. There is also a dues rate for a member and a "significant other". This amount is 36.00 per year and pro-rated as above at \$3.00 per month. Dues for members are due on March 1, and will be considered delinquent 30 days thereafter and all membership privileges will be suspended until dues are paid.

SECTION D: VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member may voluntarily relinquish membership at any time by communicating in writing his or her desire to do so to any board member of SGA. If a membership is relinquished, all information concerning the member shall be deleted from the records of SGA. All paid fees and dues will be considered a donation to the SGA.

SECTION E: INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership may be involuntarily terminated if any member of SGA engages in conduct substantially detrimental to SGA. The initial determination that such misconduct may have occurred must be made by the SGA Board. Upon a request submitted by any member of SGA, the Board shall vote on the question of whether to terminate a membership. The member charged with misconduct shall be notified by the Board prior to such meeting. The Board will then meet in a closed session where any member of SGA may present evidence concerning the alleged misconduct, and the member charged with misconduct, or any member of SGA, may present a defense. A majority vote of the Board members is needed for termination. Upon the involuntary termination of a membership, 1) all information concerning the member shall be deleted from the records of SGA, and 2) all paid fees and dues will be considered a final donation to the SGA and the member shall relinquish their membership card to a Board member. *This process is covered in the SGA Rules of Order.*

SECTION F: PERSONAL TO MEMBER

No membership is transferable.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION A: IN GENERAL

SGA shall hold a meeting of the membership at least once a month and may hold more frequent meetings. The Board meeting will be held once per month at a predetermined/published place, time, and day decided upon by a vote of the Board members.

SECTION B: BOARD MEETINGS

With one exception, Board meetings are open to all SGA members. A meeting of the Board to determine disciplinary action for misconduct of a member may be closed to non-involved members.

SECTION C: OPEN MEETINGS

Non-members of SGA may attend open membership meetings so long as they exhibit proper decorum. Non-members need not be sponsored by a member, nor need they be eligible for membership under Section II. A. Non-members of SGA have no voting rights, but may speak at any open meeting.

SECTION D: GENERAL BUSINESS

Business affairs, educational activities, and social activities may be conducted at each meeting. No vote shall be taken at any SGA membership meeting without a quorum of 3 elected officers *majority of the elected Board present.*

SECTION E: ANNUAL MEETING

The first membership meeting in March shall constitute the annual meeting of SGA. At the annual meeting, the membership will hold election and installation of officers. Nominations of officers will be accepted at the January and February meetings.

Voting - All issues submitted to a vote of the membership at a membership meeting, *with few exceptions* except amendments to the by-laws, shall be decided by a majority of those members present.

ARTICLE IV - SGA BOARD (and/or STAFF)

SECTION A: IN GENERAL

The Board shall be composed of *up to 5* elected members; upon election, the Board will determine who will be the Chairperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Multimedia member, and the At-large member. A quorum of three Board members is needed for all voting. *decide the duties of each elected member.*

SECTION B: ELECTION FOR FULL TERMS

At the annual meeting all All Board members shall be elected *at the annual meeting.* to fill one-year terms commencing immediately upon installation. *The preferred term of office is thirteen months, however, any Board member may resign at any meeting.* Election of officers *the Board shall be by secret ballot.* The top five vote getters of those receiving votes shall be the elected Board members. Write-ins have the option of declining, passing the choice to others who receive fewer votes. *Others receiving votes will be given preference to becoming staff members.*

SECTION C: DUTIES

1. SGA Board as a whole:

The Board is vested with authority to facilitate the effective operation of SGA as directed by the membership. The Board may take any action necessary or helpful to such effective operation, subject to the following limitations: 1) The Board may not make a decision on any matter specifically reserved by these By-Laws to the membership of SGA 2) the Board may not take any action that violates any provision of these By-Laws or that involves SGA in activities in violation of or outside the scope of the purpose of SGA as articulated in Section I.A.

2. Individual: Each Board member may choose those duties listed in the rules of order and hopefully will choose responsibly. Choice proceeds from highest votes to lowest votes.

Chairperson: The Chairperson is ultimately responsible for maintaining the operational integrity of SGA. The Chairperson's duties include: 1) chairing Board meetings, 2) conducting business affairs at membership meetings, and 3) ensuring communication among officers of SGA.

Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for: 1) minutes of each Board meeting, minutes of each membership meeting, and any other records deemed necessary by the Board, 2) conducting the business

affairs at a membership meeting following the resignation or absence of the Chairperson.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for: 1) collecting all annual dues, 2) taking donations at social meetings, 3) maintaining a checking, and if appropriate, a savings account for SGA, 4) paying the bills of SGA from SGA funds, 5) preparing and presenting at the Annual Meeting: A) a financial report covering the fiscal year ending prior to the Annual Meeting, and B) a proposed general budget for the fiscal year then beginning, 6) preparing a written financial statement of SGA funds and assets monthly and presenting it to the Board, 7) at the time of elections, the Treasurer shall certify the eligibility of nominated officers and voters.

Multimedia Member: The Multimedia member is responsible for: 1) the newsletter and its related items (mailing list, videos, web page), and 2) submitting a budget to the Board on request.

At-large Member: The At-large Member will be free to head committees for social, educational, or outreach activities as needed, or available and/or assume other duties.

SECTION D: MEETINGS

In General - The Board shall meet at least once in each month and may hold additional meetings if requested by three or more Board members. All normal meetings are open to all members of SGA. **Voting -** Each Board member shall have one vote. All voting shall be taken by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested.

Attendance - Each Board member is expected to be present at all SGA meetings held during their term of office.

SECTION E: RESIGNATION OF A BOARD MEMBER

Any Board member may resign at any time, by communicating to the Board their intention to resign. Any Board members resigning their duties must immediately return any and all SGA Board property to another Board member.

SECTION F: REMOVAL OF A BOARD MEMBER

Any Board member may be removed from the Board, upon a vote of two-thirds of the Board members upon a unanimous vote of the other Board members or a 60% majority of the members present at any regular meeting. If less than three elected Board members are available, a vote by the membership is required. Removal of a Board member does not terminate

membership in SGA nor restrict their returning to the Board by election.

SECTION G: VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD

If a seat on the Board is vacant for any reason, the Board may appoint an SGA a staff member to the seat subject to the approval of the majority of the members present at the first possible membership meeting. The term extends to though the next general election.

ARTICLE V - CONFIDENTIALITY

SECTION A: MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING LISTS

The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the Board members and assistants staff are permitted access to either list, except in response to judicial process.

No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of another member, past or present, to anyone, except with the member's express permission.

The mailing list is an important tool. It is used principally for the newsletter, but it may also be used for professional referrals or referrals to other groups.

SECTION B: RECORDINGS

No video, audio, or photographic recording may be made of any SGA function without the express consent of everyone to appear in said recording. SGA will announce at events the presence of all authorized recordings.

ARTICLE VI - NEWSLETTER

The SGA newsletter shall be published at least six times per year. The newsletter will contain: 1) information on all upcoming meetings, 2) reports on meetings held since the compilation of the previous issue of the newsletter, 3) a financial report, and 4) any other news and information of interest to those on the membership list.

ARTICLE VII - COALITIONS AND ALLIANCES

No one may commit SGA to a coalition or an alliance with another group or organization without unanimous Board approval.

ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for SGA runs from March 1 to February 28/29.

ARTICLE IX - PRONOUN

Whenever the masculine or the feminine pronoun is used by itself in these By-Laws, both genders are included; *use of third person plural is preferred.*

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT

Amendments to these By-Laws may be adopted by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present at any membership meeting. Amendments proposed at one meeting shall be presented to the members by publishing them in the next SGA newsletter. These amendments shall be voted on during a membership meeting following that publication.

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RULES OF ORDER tentively Adopted by a majority of the membership on March 13, 2004, (vote in favor was 7 of 9)

RULES OF ORDER OF THE SACRAMENTO TRANSGENDER ASSOCIATION. A follow-up on the bylaws to elaborate on certain subjects therein.

ARTICLE 2 SECTION E: INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

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The hearing will be in a closed session where any member of SGA may present evidence concerning the alleged misconduct. The member charged with misconduct, or any member of SGA,

may present a defense. A majority vote of elected Board members is needed for termination. Upon the involuntary termination of a membership, 1) all information concerning the member shall be removed from the active records of SGA, and 2) all paid fees and dues will be considered a final donation to the SGA and the member shall relinquish their membership card to a Board member.

ARTICLE IV - SGA BOARD

SECTION A: IN GENERAL

The Board shall be composed of up to 5 elected members. Upon election, the Board will decide the duties of each elected member. The elected Board may also make multiple appointments to obtain the staff necessary to keep SGA functional.

SECTION C: DUTIES

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Alternate positions follow

The following positions may also be chosen, in multiple, as additional duties; or may be assigned to staff members:

Editor: 1) prepares the Transcend for publication, and 2) submits a budget to the Board on request.

Web Mistress: 1) maintains the SGA web pages and e-mail, and 2) keeps the e-mail membership list.

Social Butterfly: 1) proposes ideas for socials, 2) executes approved events, 3) keeps and maintains the supplies needed for our potluck socials, and 4) greets members and visitors at the door.

Membership Butterfly: 1) answers questions and problems posed by members, 2) aids the Social Butterfly, and 3) keeps the membership mailing list and videos.

Education Butterfly: 1) proposes ideas to educate members and or the public; 2) executes approved actions.

Outreach Butterfly: 1) advances activities as needed to reach other organizations and participate in their activities.

Lobbyist: 1) interacts with political organizations such as Lambda Letters and EQCA, 2) advises our members as to what's up, and 3) represents our membership as well as possible.

Furthermore, should the Board have less than five members, the chair- person may assume any title including: president, queen, ... , or slave. The one title not available is Empress. The Secretary and Treasure may also chose their titles which must be of lower rank than the chairperson's.

SECTION D: MEETINGS

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Voting - Each Board member shall have one vote. All voting shall be taken by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT

Amendments to these Rules of Order may be adopted by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Board or by a majority of the members present at any membership meeting. Amendments may be proposed and adopted at any meeting. They then shall be presented to the members by publishing them in the next SGA newsletter.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT BYLAWS

This issue of the Transcend is being written and sent to members and a few sister groups. Anyone receiving copy is urged to respond. Please fill in the **enclosed** ballot, cut, and return it to "SGA, P.O. Box 162907, Sacramento, CA 95816, OR hand it to Trina at the next social. All ballots must be received by April 12, 2004, to be counted.

THE SGA IS AT A CROSSROADS.

For the first time in SGA history the membership has failed to elect a board of officers. I thereby find it necessary to offer a set of bylaws which will allow this organization to continue without a full board. Look them over, and **VOTE!**

In the BYLAWS, ~~striketrough~~ type indicates those portions that will be deleted, *Italicized type* indicates new wording. Although the Rules of Order is basically new, the same rules apply with **bold** type being carried over from the 1999 BYLAWS without change. If you wish to suggest changes. Note them herein, and send, or hand, a copy to me.

Sincerely,
Trina Martina

SGA MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership to the Sacramento Gender Association is \$ 24 for individuals, or \$ 36 for couples or family membership. New memberships are prorated for each month. Send check or money order with completed form (below) to: SGA, P.O. Box 162907, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Are you a new member? _____ Are you renewing a membership from last year? _____ If neither, what year were you a member last? _____ What year did you first join the SGA? _____

Title _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Name for Mail _____

Name for Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State or Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____

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Birthdate _____ (month and day).

Spouse's Name _____

Spouse's Birthdate _____

Anniversary _____

Children's names & Birthdates.

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Would you like your transcend by e-mail? _____

snail mail? _____ web page link? _____

May we use photos of you in the Transcend? _____

on our web page? _____ Photos taken at socials.

plan 'c' SGA BALLOT - due by
April 12, 2004

DO YOU APPROVE SACRAMENTO
TRANSGENDER ASSOCIATION
YES OR NO

DO YOU APPROVE THE PROPOSED
BYLAWS YES OR NO

DO YOU APPROVE THE
RULES OF ORDER YES OR NO

WRITE IN THE NAMES OF THOSE SGA
MEMBERS YOU VOTE FOR!

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE CHANGES IN
EITHER DOCUMENT
PLEASE DO WITHIN THIS TRANSCEND
AND RETURN A COPY TO TRINA

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